



28 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

NewVIC NEU strike action - An update

I am writing to confirm that talks with ACAS, with the aim of resolving the dispute with NewVIC NEU commenced on Tuesday 25 April 2023. I will keep you updated on progress.

As you will be aware, we have asked NewVIC NEU to suspend their strike action whilst talks are underway, as they had said they would do so. Sadly, despite saying that the strikes could be avoided if the College agreed to meet and hold talks with ACAS, NEU NewVIC have decided to continue striking. In view of this, I want to inform you that next week strike action will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday 2 May (National NEU Strike day)
- Wednesday 3 May (NewVIC NEU Strike day)
- Thursday 4 May (NewVIC NEU Strike day)

Please remember that the College will remain open during strike days. The majority of our staff are in College as normal. For those lessons that will be continuing, teachers and tutors will discuss arrangements with their students individually.

The College has also put in place a programme of additional support for students:

Maths and English GCSE support These support sessions will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Study Skills Centre (opposite B208a).

Our Student Services team continues to deliver::

- **Wellbeing and Communication workshops** run every Wednesday by Sue Sandeman Therapy
- **GOALS Workshops with MasterMind Academy** - an 8 week programme held on Thursdays
- **Study Skills Drop-in sessions** held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the LRC
- **Workshops** run every Tuesday by our Welfare & Safeguarding Team

Information, times and locations for each of these sessions will be advertised each day in the main reception area.

I want to assure you that we are doing all that we can to prevent further strike action.

Yours sincerely,

Mandeep Gill

Principal & Chief Executive
Newham Sixth Form College

